

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MARGIE ANN LUETKEMEYER LUEBBERT ON THE CELEBRATION OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2018*

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margie Ann Luetkemeyer Luebbert on the celebration of her 90th Birthday.

On August 3, 1928, Margie was born to Henry and Regina Luetkemeyer in Meta, Missouri and was a welcomed addition to the families of her beloved grandparents Anton and Anna Luetkemeyer and George and Angela Dickneite. A joyous union of marriage began when Margie married her late husband Fritz on February 4, 1950. Fritz and Margie welcomed 4 children to their family: Kathy, Steven, Mark, and Kristen. Margie enjoys the love of 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren with 2 more on the way.

Throughout the years, Margie worked for Mid-America Bank in Meta. In her retirement, she has been committed to public service in various capacities. The community banks in Meta and Linn have benefited from her banking experience by her service on the board of directors. Margie has also been actively involved with the St. Cecelia Parish in Meta and especially enjoys the yearly picnic. Margie and I share a love of baseball and the St. Louis Cardinals along with her favorite college team, the University of Missouri Tigers. The love of sports runs in Margie's family and many of her children and grandchildren are involved in local and college sports such as: baseball, basketball, and softball. She is their biggest cheerleader at their sporting events.

Of her many accomplishments, Margie considers one of her greatest to be the organization of the family reunion for the Anton and Anna Luetkemeyer family in Jefferson City in 1992. It was certainly no small feat with the 15 descendants and their families for a total of over 450 people joining the celebration that day. The reunion was such a grand event the local TV station reported on it during their evening newscast.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Margie Ann Luetkemeyer Luebbert a very Happy 90th Birthday. Best wishes for much happiness and health in the years to come.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR. CRAIG DALBY

**HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2018*

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Craig Dalby of Kirkland, Washington on his retirement from the Na-

tional Park Service after 35 years of distinguished public service. In his role as the Pacific West Region Chief of Public Information, Mr. Dalby has liaised with the public as an agency spokesperson and has worked with Members of Congress from the Pacific West to promote and preserve our public lands for future generations.

For 23 years, Mr. Dalby served as regional lead for geographic information systems, where he was a pioneer of commercial GIS software that modernized the National Park Service and established the technology as a bureau standard. Because of Craig's foresight and innovative thinking, the NPS is now a prolific user of this and other software that make our preserved lands more accessible to our government and to the public.

In addition to these contributions to the National Park Service, Mr. Dalby also went above and beyond in his service to the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. Throughout his career, he has worked to conserve and improve our North Coast and Cascades Network Parks and Puget Sound Basin, which are vital to our Northwest landscape and defining elements of our great states.

Mr. Dalby exemplifies the versatility, expertise, and dedication of our public servants. I join my colleagues in congratulating him for his achievements and thanking him for his contributions to our western states and to our nation.

THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE'S HALF CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE

**HON. KAREN BASS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2018*

Ms. BASS. Mr. Speaker, for fifty years, the Brotherhood Crusade has pursued its vision of South Los Angeles as a safe, thriving, culturally relevant, and inclusive community, a community that provides all residents equitable access to human and social services, a community continually improving its quality of life.

On June 15, 2018, the Brotherhood Crusade held a gala celebration, and welcomed supporters to the California Science Center, a fitting location given the organization's unrelenting focus on education. Founder Walter Bremond, Jr. would surely be proud that the dream he funded with a personal loan has grown to be one of the most effective organizations in South Los Angeles, lifting up young Black men and their families and creating countless stories of success.

Upon joining forces with Danny J. Bakewell, Sr., Walter's vision really began to take shape. Together, they designed a viable charitable institution to aid the Black community. Danny Bakewell, Sr. would go on to lead the organization for 35 years with a relentless focus on social justice.

In its five decades, the organization has reached hundreds of thousands of under-

served and under-represented youth in South Los Angeles. I applaud the organization's current leadership by my dear friend, Brotherhood Crusade President and CEO, Charisse Bremond Weaver.

Following in the footsteps of her father, Charisse has worked hard to expand services in the 13 years since she donned the mantle of leadership. She has added programs in youth development, educational enrichment, financial literacy and health education programs that reach thousands of South Los Angeles residents in need.

I am pleased and proud to offer my congratulations to the Brotherhood Crusade's leaders, staff, volunteers, participants and alumni, and to call attention to its legacy and accomplishments, as well as its thriving programs and promising future.

RECOGNIZING JIM MARKEL AND PERRY JONES

**HON. GREG GIANFORTE**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 18, 2018*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two Montana veterans and entrepreneurs committed to creating good-paying Montana jobs and revitalizing their community.

Jim Markel and Perry Jones own Red Oxx Mfg. Inc., a producer and retailer of durable travel bags. Their award-winning products are handcrafted in Montana, have nationwide recognition, and account for over \$2.5 million in annual company sales.

The U.S. Small Business Administration named Red Oxx Montana's Veteran-Owned Business of the Year in 2016. CEO Markel served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and company president Jones in the U.S. Navy.

The Red Oxx factory and retail store are in a commercial and industrial area east of Billings' vibrant downtown. Looking to reenergize the neighborhood instead of relocating the business as it grew, Markel served on an advisory board of the Billings Industrial Revitalization District.

Improvements guided by the district are attracting new businesses, renewing the area, and creating greater opportunity and more jobs.

This spring, Markel and Jones broke ground on a project that will transform about half a city block into a large outdoor event center, turning broken asphalt and recycled metal into an open, green space with ornamental fencing, sculptures, and park benches.

The event center will host community activities, feature performances, and be available for local nonprofit organizations to hold benefit events. Several years in the making, the event center will play a critical role in further rejuvenating the neighborhood.

Mr. Speaker, for their service to our country, entrepreneurship, and dedication to their community, I recognize Jim Markel and Perry Jones for their spirit of Montana.

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